amendments are proposed to be circulated widely to elicit public opinion in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sub-Committee of the Central Haj Advisory Board of the Ministry of External Affairs was constituted in November, 1986 with a view to prepare proposals for amending the Haj Committee Act, 1959. This sub-Committee headed by Shri M. D. H. Farook, Chief Minister of Pondicherry, had due representation of various sections.

(c) The Sub-Committee has submitted its report to the Miniser of State for External Affairs on his capacity as the Chairman of the Central Advisory Board. Government will initiate necessary action after receiving the final recommendations of the Board.

US arms supply to Pakistan

*170. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that America is supplying arms to Pakistan;

(b) if so, what is Government's information on the latest supply in this regard; and

(c) whether Government had conveyed their reaction in this regard to the Defence Secretary of U.S.A. when he visited Delhi recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In March, 1968, the US Administration notified Congress of its intention to sell Pakistan 11 F-16 aircraft, 360 Sidewinder and 200 Sparrow air-to-air missiles.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Establishment of peace in the region after Afghan accord

*171. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the effectiveness and impact of the recent Afghan accord signed between USSR, USA, Afghanistan and Pakistan in Geneva, in the context of need to lessen the tension and establishing peace in the region;

(b) if so, what is the Government's assessment in this regard; and

(c) what steps, if any are being taken by Government to help in the process of eliminating tension and establishing world peace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) If properly implemented, the Geneva accords could lead to a peaceful settlement of the Afghan issue and a lessening of tensions in the region.

(c) Government have been in touch with all concerned to eliminate tension and promote peace.

Fulfilment of plan targets by the States

*172. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of